

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 632

SENATE BILL NO. 2583

By Marrero, Kilby, Harper, Ketron, Lowe Finney, Raymond Finney

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2584

**By Coley, Eldridge, McManus, Lundberg, Cooper, West, Matheny, Kernell,
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Windle, Bibb, Jim Cobb, Brown, DuBois, Hardaway**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-5004, relative to the promotion of hearing care for children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-5004(a), is amended by deleting the word "eye" and by substituting instead the language "eye, hearing".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-5004(b), is amended by deleting the word "dental" and by substituting instead the language "dental, hearing".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-5004(c), is amended by deleting the word "eye" wherever the word appears and by substituting instead the language "eye or hearing".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-5004(d), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(d) LEAs are encouraged to seek free or reduced-cost eye examinations from optometrists or ophthalmologists and free or reduced-cost hearing examinations from physicians or audiologists willing to donate their services for children who are unable to afford the eye or hearing examinations.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: February 28, 2008



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 18th day of March 2008



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR